



Cabbagetown Preservation Association

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RIVER FACELIFT

The Metro Toronto and Region Conservation Authority is to receive \$180,000. from the Ontario Environment Ministry to spruce up the Don and Rouge River valleys. The Authority will spend \$100,000. to reduce erosion and sedimentation along the banks of the rivers, and \$65,000. to improve the fish habitat in the Don by planting shrubs and trees in the upstream and middle valley of the river. The shade created by the trees and shrubs along the shore will result in cooler water temperatures which are more favorable to fish. Another \$20,000. will be used to promote public awareness of water pollution.

(... Globe and Mail, Aug. 8, 1989)

DON RIVER CLEAN-UP TASK FORCE

An interim task force has been created and is now in full swing, consolidating Research Reports about the lower Don. This mandate should be completed before the year's end. Programs to promote public awareness will also be implemented; the first of which was a Don River walk held on October 14th, in the Todmorden Mills/ Forks area.

Support for the group, from the City of Toronto, as well as the Provincial and Federal levels is excellent.

The Task Force maintained a booth at the week-long 'Summit on The Environment', held at the Science Centre, several weeks ago. Two of the events at the summit centred on the rehabilitation of the entire Don Valley.

LESLIE STREET EXTENSION

On July 4th, Toronto City Council approved funding for independent experts to prepare a case for an environmental assessment hearing on the extension issue. As a result, the hearing may now be a year away.

The many groups that comprise the 'Committee Opposed to the Leslie Extension' will now have time to decide how best to compliment the City's thrust, without all the high costs normally associated with an Ontario Municipal Board Hearing... Good news for all of us living in the East end of the city.

Your support is needed. Join the Cabbagetown Preservation Association. Membership Fee is \$10.00. Drop off the fee, as well as your name, address, and telephone number at 93 Winchester St.

GOODBYE ... HELLO

The C.P.A. wishes to bid farewell and goodluck to our President, Ray Boland. Ray is going back to school to obtain a Masters degree in European Economics. Fortunately for him, but to our loss, Ray will be doing his research in Dublin and Cambridge. The C.P.A. thanks Ray for his efforts over the past year and wishes him all the best in his endeavours.

The position of President will be assumed by the Vice-President, Pat Poulin, and her position will be filled by Board Member, Peggy Kurtin. The C.P.A. Board has also recently lost the assistance of Paul Hartwick. The two empty positions on the Board will be filled by Debbie Deak and Ruth Wagner, who have agreed to take-over the editorial production of the Newsletter.

~ MEETING ~

**Next General Meeting
Wed. Oct. 25, 1989, at 8:00 pm
St. Martin School
55 Salisbury Ave.**

Just East of Sackville



THINK LIKE A BANDIT

Constable Hans Jewinsky, of our local 51 Division Police Station will address our organization at its October 25th General meeting. His theme will focus on defending the home and self; how to burglar-proof your home by thinking like a burglar. His talk will be geared to our specific neighbourhood.

Time will be allotted to a question and answer period during which people are encouraged to address other topics related to crime in our neighbourhood.

AN HISTORIC WALK ALONG WINCHESTER

Peggy Kurtin will present a short, illustrated lecture of historical and architectural interest, about Winchester Street, at the next C.P.A. General meeting.

Peggy is our new Vice-President, as well as Membership person.

Don't miss out. Be there!

ACCOLADES, ACCOLADES ...

Cabbagetown Walking Tour

As part of this year's Cabbagetown Cultural Festival, the C.P.A. conducted historic 'Walking Tours of Cabbagetown'. Our goal in sponsoring these tours was to heighten awareness amongst Cabbagetown residents as well as, non-residents, about the unique historical and architectural heritage that Cabbagetown has to offer.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of a very dedicated group of C.P.A. members, 12 tours were run over the two days of the Festival. We even offered two tours en Francais ! Nearly 200 people participated in the tours, which began at the Winchester Hotel and continued along Winchester, Sumach, Spruce, Sackville, Carlton, and Metcalfe streets. Due to the enormous amount of material that the guides researched and learned (over 20 typewritten pages !), many of the tours took nearly 2 hours to complete. Because of the overwhelming success of this year's 'Walking Tour', the C.P.A. plans to offer the Walking Tours again next year. A completely new route is planned.

We are most grateful to our tour guides for their invaluable efforts in conducting the Walking Tours. For their efforts, thanks go to Lina Badwhar, Debbie Deak, Peggy Kurtin, Arlene Meadows, Dominique Prince, Pat Poulin, Joneath Spicer, and Ruth Wagner.

The C.P.A. also wishes to thank the Festival Committee for the invitation to run the Walking Tour this year.

Cabbagetown Preservation Association's Sidewalk Sale

A great thank-you to all those in the community who contributed an item (or 2 or 3) to our Sidewalk Sale which was held during the Cabbagetown Festival on September 9th.

Special thank-yous also to Pat Corlett, Ian Thom, and Larry McGill for organizing the sale, and finally, to Pat Corlett and the volunteers who manned the sale table.

As a result of the combined efforts of those involved, the sale was quite successful and we look forward to a bigger and better sale next year. So, before you throw away any "old" or unwanted articles or artifacts, please be mindful of next year's sale.

C.P.A. Executive Board Members

President	Pat Poulin	923-6934
Vice-President	Peggy Kurtin	967-6432
Secretary-Treasurer	Jan Goulding	323-9240

Reminder: Please make an effort to be at the C.P.A. March general meeting. We will vote for Board members as well as Constitutional changes.

ET CETERA ...

- **A Tree Grows In Cabbagetown:** Here's an excellent way to cherish the memory of a loved one and cherish the environment at the same time. The City of Toronto has a memorial tree planting program. If you would like a tree planted in someone's memory, simply write to the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation specifying the name of the park in which you wish the tree planted, the type of tree desired, and the name of the person to be memorialized. Cost of the tribute is \$100., which should be sent via cheque or money order (payable to the City Treasurer), to: Mr. Herb Pirk, Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, Floor 21, East Tower, City Hall, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2.
- **Reminder:** 'Cabbagetown In Pictures' is still available in limited numbers. The price per book is \$8.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. A great idea for Christmas stocking stuffers! Copies will be available at the next C.P.A. General meeting (Oct. 25th), or you can call Pat Poulin at 923-6934 for your copy.
- **Restoring Homes:** The Ontario Historical Society is offering a lecture on restoring homes. The lecture will be held on October 28th at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. It will begin at 9:30 A.M. and end at 4:00 P.M. The fee for the lecture is \$20.00. Registration is in advance and can be made by contacting the O.H.S. at 5151 Yonge St., Willowdale, M2N 5P5, or by calling them at 727-8954.
- **The Education Committee** (always looking for new members), would like to begin its own archives. They are looking for photographs, other than those currently on file at City Hall Archives and local library. They'll copy them, take good care of them and return them to you. In the same vein, they are keen on interviewing original Cabbagetown residents to collect anecdotal information. If you wish to be interviewed, or have photographs, please call 927-0167 or 944-0047.

Articles for this Newsletter are welcomed. Please contact Debbie Deak at 944-0047, or Ruth Wagner at 927-0167.

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